WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. An implant abutment for attaching a dental prosthesis within a patient's mouth, comprising:

a core; and

a cuff surrounding the core,

wherein the cuff is colored to match the color of the dental prosthesis.

- 2. The product of claim 1, wherein the core is formed of a metallic material.
- 3. The product of claim 2, wherein the metallic material is titanium or a titanium alloy.
- 4. The product of claim 1, wherein the cuff is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
- 5. The product of claim 1, wherein the prosthesis is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
- 6. The product of claim 2, wherein the cuff and prosthesis are formed of a ceramic material.

7. A dental implant restoration system comprising:

an implant fixed within a patient's jaw;

an abutment having a core and a cuff surrounding the core, fixed to the implant; and

a dental prosthesis fixed to the abutment,

wherein the abutment cuff is colored to match the color of the dental prosthesis.

- 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the abutment core is formed of a metallic material.
- 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the abutment cuff is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
- 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the dental prosthesis is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
- 11. The system of claim 8, wherein the abutment cuff and the dental prosthesis are formed of a ceramic material.

12. A method for fabricating a dental implant restoration comprising:

fixing an implant within the jawbone of a patient;

fixing an abutment having a core and a cuff surrounding the core, to the implant; and

fixing a dental prosthesis to the abutment,

wherein the abutment cuff is colored to match the color of the dental prosthesis.

- 13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the abutment core is formed of a metallic material.
- 14. The method according to claim 12, wherein the abutment cuff is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
- 15. The method according to claim 12, wherein the dental prosthesis is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
- 16. The method according to claim 13, wherein the abutment cuff and the dental prosthesis are formed of a ceramic material.